



## **FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

As submitted to the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government on March 25, 2010:

### **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**Recipient:** General Services Administration

**Location:** Lancaster, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$20,500,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the General Services Administration for the Lancaster Courthouse Federal-Construct Project. A Lancaster facility is critical to the needs of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to preside over civil and criminal matters in the region. The General Services Administration maintains that this Federal-Construct Project is a cost-effective use of our taxpayers' money. This funding request is based on the Administration's fiscal year 2010 Budget request of \$27 million for the Lancaster Federal Courthouse, of which \$6.5 million was appropriated in the fiscal year 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill.

### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (GRANTS)**

**Recipient:** Ben Franklin Technology Partners Corporation

**Location:** Bethlehem, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Ben Franklin Technology Partners Corporation for its Manufacturing Pennsylvania's Future program. Funding will be used to support applied research and commercialization activities for both new businesses and existing manufacturers to enable them to introduce new products or process innovations. The program would also identify new markets and adapt production processes to become more competitive in the global market. Funding will cover services and resources provided to manufacturers in addition to costs required to manage and administer the project.

**Recipient:** Berks County IDA

**Location:** Reading, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Berks County IDA (Industrial Development Authority) for the Reading Area Research Park project. Funds would be used for market analysis and research, an updated feasibility study of the site, and

development of a small business workforce plan. This proposed plan will foster entrepreneurial initiatives and help launch and grow small businesses in the field of bioscience. The ultimate objective is to create regional agricultural, biotechnology, green energy, and life sciences clusters that will encourage entrepreneurship by marketing the critical mass of industry and research that exists in the greater Berks County area. This initiative will establish collaborations between small businesses, the technology industry, and the university communities that will help generate economic growth and create jobs for the region.

**Recipient:** Carnegie Mellon University

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Carnegie Mellon University for its Manufacturing Accelerator. The Manufacturing Accelerator will engage 100 manufacturing companies and will apply research undertaken in the fields of engineering, design and computing to improve the competitiveness of the manufacturing base. This program will create collaborative projects between manufacturing and information technology companies that will focus on new product design development and improvements in process and supply chain operations. Funding will be used for staff, research materials, supply equipment, and marketing. Investing in the Manufacturing Accelerator is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help create new businesses and jobs in the manufacturing sector and reverse the trend of off-shoring American manufacturing jobs by fostering innovation at home.

**Recipient:** Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley

**Location:** Bethlehem, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley for their Lehigh Valley Small Business Development project, which provides outreach and marketing assistance to small businesses located in the Cities of Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton, Pennsylvania. Many small businesses face challenges in affording effective advertising and attracting new customers; the Lehigh Valley Small Business Development project helps to address these deficiencies head-on. Funding will be used for staff that will provide assistance and training to small businesses in the region, which will help create jobs thereby alleviating unemployment, and increasing tax revenue.

**Recipient:** County of Greene

**Location:** Waynesburg, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the County of Greene for the development of an airport business park. Development of this business park will create commercial and retail space for aviation related small businesses, as well as rental hangars and training. This will present additional aviation services for the County Airport and provide additional economic development opportunities to residents of the federally-designated Appalachian Region. Funding would cover construction, design, and contingency costs. Investment in the Greene County airport business park is a good use of taxpayer funds because it

will allow for the growth of small business aviation services and will encourage private investment.

**Recipient:** Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center

**Location:** Yardley, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center (DVIRC) for its Emerging Manufacturing Initiative. This initiative will identify new manufacturing companies with the potential for growth and will provide them with structured training to assist them in expanding their businesses. The program will focus on companies with less than 25 employees, which constitute the vast majority of manufacturing firms statewide. Investment in the Emerging Manufacturing Initiative is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help small companies expand their businesses and spur job creation and economic activity.

**Recipient:** The Enterprise Center

**Location:** Philadelphia, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Enterprise Center for its Minority Business Development Initiative (MBDI). The MBDI will work to help minority small businesses survive the economic crisis and create jobs in Pennsylvania by providing training, technical assistance, access to capital, and networking opportunities to minority small businesses. Funding will be used for salaries, training, outreach, supplies, equipment, and related expenses. Assistance provided by the MBDI to minority-owned small businesses would spur job creation, sustain economic growth and increase tax revenue in low and moderate-income neighborhoods.

**Recipient:** Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pittsburgh Life Science Greenhouse (PLSG) for the Tech Belt Biosciences Initiative (TBBI). The TBBI establishes collaborations between technology communities that accelerate medical innovation and business growth. Funding will be used for staff, professional development, marketing efforts, and related expenses. This initiative has already helped launch several businesses in the area, and is helping western Pennsylvania achieve greater healthcare innovation, entrepreneurship, and job creation.

**Recipient:** Urban League of Philadelphia

**Location:** Philadelphia, PA

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Urban League of Philadelphia for their Entrepreneurship Center. This Urban League Entrepreneurship Center (ULEC) will work to help small businesses grow by providing management skills which will help enable minority entrepreneurs to qualify for financing and take advantage of new business opportunities. The ULEC will offer individualized management assistance and group workshops

to entrepreneurs, helping them increase their revenue base and thereby create new jobs. Funds will be used for staff, equipment and office expenses, and miscellaneous professional services. The ULEC will measure outcomes by how well participants increase their revenue, personnel, and corporate sponsors, as well as other factors. Investing in the ULEC is a good use of taxpayer's money as it will create jobs and help small businesses emerge from difficult economic times stronger than ever.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (PROGRAMS)**

**Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Program:** I urge the Subcommittee to fund the SBDC program for fiscal year 2011 at \$138 million, an increase of \$25 million over the fiscal year 2010 level of \$113 million. This program is designed to deliver up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management to current and prospective small business owners. Requested funding will enable Centers to provide targeted business management assistance services that help prospective entrepreneurs and small businesses expand their sales and payrolls.

**Microloan Program:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide adequate funding for the Microloan Program for fiscal year 2011, including \$50 million to support lending and \$20 million for technical assistance. The Microloan program was created in 1991 with the mission of providing small business loans and technical assistance through experienced local non-profit intermediaries to start-up and emerging businesses that conventional banks are unable to serve. By providing preferential interest rates to borrow funding, the intermediaries could effectively reach and serve the needs of very small businesses and move them into the economic mainstream as bankable ventures. The Administration has requested \$25 million for lending for fiscal year 2011.

**Women's Business Centers Program (WBC):** I urge the Subcommittee to fund the WBC program for fiscal year 2011 at \$19 million, an increase of \$5 million over the fiscal year 2010 level of \$14 million. The WBC program represents a national network of more than 100 educational resource centers designed to assist women start and grow small businesses. Additionally, the WBC program operates with the mission to level the playing field for women entrepreneurs, who still face unique obstacles in the world of business.

**International Trade Program:** I urge the Subcommittee to fund the International Trade Program for fiscal year 2011 at \$8.6 million. The International Trade Program provides small businesses and lenders with training and technical assistance to support export financing, and works closely with businesses and lenders to deliver trade promotion and finance services.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**

**Community Development Financial Institutions Fund:** The Community Development Financial Institutions are financial institutions that specialize in providing capital, credit, and financial services to underserved markets. The CDFI Fund has invested in CDFIs in urban and

rural markets in all fifty states to produce jobs, quality affordable housing and facilities for vital social services. CDFIs leverage the resources of private sector institutions to bring distressed markets into the economic mainstream. Additionally, the CDFI Fund administers the New Markets Tax Credit Program, a program that provides an incentive to investors in the form of a tax credit, which is expected to stimulate private community and economic development activities. For fiscal year 2011, the Administration has requested \$250 million for the CDFI Fund. I urge the Subcommittee to appropriate the Administration's request.

### **Executive Office of the President – Office of National Drug Control Policy**

**High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA):** HIDTA program has proven highly effective at prosecuting and preventing drug use by promoting cooperation among state, local and federal law enforcement agencies, and prevention and treatment organizations. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding at the highest possible level above the fiscal year 2010 level.

**Drug-Free Communities:** The Drug Free Communities program supports over 700 drug-free community coalitions across the United States, including Pennsylvania. The program is vital to enabling citizen and community involvement in anti-drug and youth violence intervention programs. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding at the highest possible level above the fiscal year 2010 level.

### **THE JUDICIARY**

**Supreme Court:** The Supreme Court is the final arbiter in the Federal court system. The judiciary has requested \$92.546 million for fiscal year 2011, an increase of approximately 5 percent over fiscal year 2010. The total request includes \$77.758 million for salaries and expenses and \$14.788 million for care of building and grounds. I urge the Subcommittee to provide this amount.

**U.S. Court of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services:** The judiciary has requested approximately \$5.314 billion for salaries and expenses for the courts within the U.S. Court of Appeals, District Courts and Other Judicial Services accounts, an increase of approximately 5 percent over fiscal year 2010. I urge the Subcommittee to provide this amount.

**U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit:** The Federal Circuit has nationwide jurisdiction over a variety of subject matter, including international trade, government contracts, patents, certain claims from the U.S. Government, Federal personnel, and veterans' benefits. Appeals to the court come from all Federal district courts, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. Court of International Trade, and the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals. The judiciary has requested \$35.859 million, an increase of approximately 10 percent. I urge the Subcommittee to provide this amount.

**Court Security:** The judiciary has requested \$495.038 million for fiscal year 2011, an increase of approximately 9 percent. These funds would be used for judicial security to ensure the safety of judicial officials, courtroom participants, witnesses, and the public. I urge the Subcommittee to provide this amount.

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